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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: Shuji Kitamura et al.

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING FERMENTED MILK

CONTAINING ANGIOTENSIN CONVERTING ENZYME INHIBITORY PEPTIDE AND METHOD

FOR PRODUCING WHEY

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Examiner: M. V. Meller

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2005, please consider the following amendments and remarks. This Amendment and Response is accompanied by a Petition for a Two (2) Month Extension of Time, up to and including March 7, 2006, and the required fee. It is believed that no fee(s) other than the fee for the Petition for the Two (2) Month Extension of Time is required for these submissions. Should, however, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determine that any other fee(s) is due or that any refund is owed for this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge the required fee(s) and/or credit the refund(s) owed to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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